

VOAGUIDE

VOICE OF AMERICA ENGLISH BROADCASTS WORLDWIDE

July/August/September 2001

THE EUROPEAN MULTIMEDIA UNIT

Wired, multimedia, Internet, satellite television, and e-mail. These are a few of the buzzwords you hear in this high-tech, dynamic workplace of the 21st century. Broadcast journalism is no exception. It has been immersed in the technological revolution and may actually be riding its crest.

Voice of America radio has come a long way since its inception in 1942. Not that long ago, some VOA language service broadcasters were still using manual typewriters and writing radio scripts by hand. Today, those same journalists have rapidly adapted to the digital information age.

This is apparent when entering the offices of the new European Multimedia Unit (EMMU) in the Washington headquarters of VOA. These offices are now home to several of the Voice of America language services that merged to form the unit last year. The EMMU is the first multimedia center of its kind at VOA with programming being prepared and delivered to listeners in six European countries: the Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovenia, Poland, Lithuania, and Latvia.

Today, this consolidated, tech-savvy workforce is accomplishing more with less. According to a member of the Polish multimedia team, Jaroslaw Anders, "The work is in many ways similar to what we've been doing at Voice of America for many years. We are still trying to produce the best journalistic content. However, we now also seek to find for it as many different



Front Row L to R: Jolanta Raslavicius (Lithuanian), Wojciech Zorniak (Polish), Vera Bloch (Czech), Mirek Kondracki (Polish), Alenka Richardson (Slovene), Zoltan Racz (Hungarian), and Virginia Vengris (Lithuanian).

Back Row L to R: Valer Gergely (Hungarian), Jaroslaw Anders (Polish), Andrew Spekke (Unit Coordinator), Franc Kapus (Slovene), Jiri Fisher (Czech), Knuts Ozols (Latvian), Vilnis Baumans (Latvia), and Steven Varsa (Hungarian).

outlets as we can, which include traditional radio, television, webcasting, delivering sound files to individual affiliates in Poland."

The Polish team's staffers regularly provide the popular MP-3 sound files (quality audio files transmitted electronically through the web) to 24 affiliate radio stations in Poland. Polish National Radio, the largest radio network in Poland, and a private Polish TV network also broadcast some VOA reports.

The European Multimedia Unit's Czech service staffer Jiri Fisher notes, "This accelerated mode of transmission is quite challenging. The unit has the latest in computers, audio, and video editing equipment, and is going full steam ahead to satisfy the ever increasing number of Czech affiliate stations requesting VOA newscasts and other material."

The staff members of the European Multimedia Unit have received extensive training in order to capitalize on a variety of media for transmitting our newscasts. As a result, Alenka Richardson, one of the Slovene staffers notes, "We are running a web page and providing affiliates with other materials, such as MP-3 files, correspondent reports and eventually will produce video clips for Slovene TV." She adds, "The VOA Slovene news broadcast is now heard on more Slovene stations than ever before."

Following a successful start, the VOA European Multimedia Unit will soon be joined by three additional language services, Bulgarian, Romanian, and Slovak. It will serve as a model for other VOA language divisions planning to launch their own multimedia operations based on the experience of their European colleagues.

VOA News Now Special Programs

COMMUNICATIONS WORLD

Kim Andrew Elliott with the latest developments in electronic media and international broadcasting. Saturdays 0133, 0533,0933, 1333, 1733, 2133 UTC

ENCOUNTER

A weekly debate and discussion about topics in the headlines. Sundays 0033, 0433, 0833,1233, 1633, 2033 UTC; Tuesdays 0033, 0433, 0833,1233, 2033 UTC

ISSUES IN THE NEWS

An unrehearsed discussion among Washington correspondents on the stories making headlines. Sundays 0133, 0533,0933, 1333, 1733, 2133 UTC

KALEIDOSCOPE

A weekly program covering traditional and contemporary American culture. Most Sundays 0333, 0733, 1133,1533, 1933, 2333 UTC; Thursdays 0033, 0433, 0833,1233, 2033 UTC

ON THE LINE

A 20-minute foreign policy talk show. Saturdays 0633, 1433,2233; Sundays 0233, 1033, 1833 UTC

OUR WORLD

A program that examines a variety of current issues in science, technology, agriculture, and the natural environment. Saturdays 0333, 0733,1133, 1533, 1933, 2333 UTC; Wednesdays 0033, 0433, 0833, 1233, 2033 UTC

PRESS CONFERENCE USA

Reporters interview a newsmaker about critical issues in today's headlines. Saturdays 0033, 0433,0833, 1233,1633, 2033 UTC Mondays 0033, 0433, 0833,1233, 2033 UTC

TALK TO AMERICA

A full-hour live worldwide television, radio, and Internet call-in show that engages the audience in a daily dialogue with a variety of American decisionmakers, personalities, and experts. Monday through Friday 1700 UTC.

THE BEST OF TALK TO AMERICA

Highlights from a recent broadcast of *Talk to America*. Saturdays 0233, 1033, 1833; Sundays 0633, 1433, 2233 UTC

.....

Suggestions for Improved Reception

Try all of the frequencies used by VOA English at the time you wish to listen. Because of changing atmospheric conditions, reception may be best on one frequency one day and on another frequency the next.

You may be able to hear some VOA English broadcasts not specifically directed to your part of the world.

Reception can be improved by adding an external aerial to your radio. This can be simply a few meters of any wire (insulated or uninsulated) clamped to or coiled around your radio's whip antenna. Extend the wire aerial near or outside a window. Do not lace the aerial above or below electric power

lines, and disconnect it from your radio whenever lightning is nearby.

When purchasing a shortwave radio, try to obtain one that can receive most of the international broadcast bands listed in the chart on the right. A shortwave radio with a dual conversion (also known as double conversion) circuit helps eliminate interference. Models that receive only those segments of shortwave used for international broadcasting are usually better able to separate stations than analog radios (i.e. not with digital frequency readout), which cover the entire shortwave spectrum from, for example, 4 to 12 MHz or 4 to 18 MHz.

Shortwave Frequency Wavelength Conversion Chart

Frequency in Kilohertz (kHz)	Frequency in Megahertz (MHz)	Wavelength meter band (M or MB)
3900 – 4000	3.9 – 4.0	75
5950 – 6200	5.95 – 6.2	49
7100 – 7500	7.1 – 7.5	41
9400 – 9900	9.4 – 9.9	31
11650 – 12050	11.65 – 12.05	25
13600 – 13800	13.6 – 13.8	21 (or 22)
15100 – 15600	15.1 – 15.6	19
17550 – 17900	17.55 – 17.9	16
21450 – 21850	21.45 – 21.85	13

THE VOA EDITORIAL

Reflects U.S. Government policy and American thoughts and institutions. Runs for three minutes. Monday through Friday 0155, 0555,1355,1755, 2355 UTC; Saturdays and Sundays 0255, 0655, 1055, 1455,1855, 2255 UTC

www.ibb.gov/editorials/

VOA Program Schedules

HOW TO READ THE SCHEDULES

All times are Universal Time Coordinated (UTC), also known as Greenwich Mean Time (GMT). Days of the week refer to local time in the listening area. Frequencies are kilohertz (kHz). If your radio dial is marked in megahertz (MHz) or meters (M), see the frequency wavelength conversion chart on page 2. All frequencies are shortwave (SW), except those below 1600 kHz, which are medium wave (MW or AM). Some frequencies, times, and program information may change.

& Monday only
 * Monday through Friday
 # Tuesday through Saturday
 > Friday and Saturday
 < Saturday and Sunday
 + Sunday and Monday
 % Tuesday through Sunday

VOA English—Europe, North Africa & the Middle East

Time UTC	Frequencies (kHz)	VOA News Now Schedule 2001	
0000-0030	1260 1548		
0100-0300	1548		
0400-0430	792 9530 11965 15205		
0430-0500	9530 11965 15205		
0500-0530	792 1197 9530 11965 15205		
0530-0600	792 9530 11965 15205		
0600-0700	792 1197 1260 9530 9680 11805 11965 15205		
0700-1400	1197		
1400-1500	1197 1548 15255		
1500-1530	1260 1548 9700 15205 15255		
1530-1600	1197 1260 1548 9700 15205 15255		
1600-1700	1260 1548 9700 15205 15255		
1700-1730	9700 9760 15255		
1730-1800	1197 9700 9760 15255		
1800-1830	1197 9760 9770		
1830-1900	9760 9770		
1900-2000	6160 9760 9770		
2000-2030	1197 6095 9760 9770		
2030-2100	6095 9760 9770		
2100-2130	1260 1548 6040 6095 9530 9760		
2130-2200	792 1197 1260 1548 6040 6095 9530 9760		
2200-2230	1548		
2230-2400	1260 1548		
See Page 2 for Special News Now Programs			

VOA Program Schedules

VOA English—Asia & the Pacific

Time UTC	Frequencies (kHz)
0000-0030	1575 7215 9770 11760 15185 15290 17740 17820
0100-0300	7115 9635 11705 11725 11820 13650 15250 17740 17820
0800-1000	11930 13610 15150
1000-1100	9770 15240 15425
1100-1130	1575< 6160 9645 9760 9770 15160 15240 15425
1130-1200	6160 9645 9760 9770 15160 15240 15425
1200-1230	1143 6160 9645 9760 15160 15240 15425
1230-1300	6160 9645 9760 15160 15240 15425
1300-1400	6160 9645 9760 15160 15425
1400-1500	1143 6160 7125 9645 9760 15160 15425
1500-1600	7125 9645
1600-1700	6160 7125 9645 9760
1700-1800	1143* 1575* 5990* 6045* 6160 7125 7170 7215* 9550* 9645 9770* 9785*
1900-2000	9525 11805 15180
2100-2200	9705 11870 15185 17740 17820
2200-2230	7215 9705 9770 11760 15185 15290 15305 17740 17820
2230-2400	1575> 7215 9705 9770 11760 15185 15290 15305 17740 17820

VOA News Now Schedule 2001

Monday-Friday 02, 06, 10, 14, 16, 18, & 22 hours UTC	Monday-Friday 01, 03, 05, 07, 09, 11, 13, 15, 19, 21, & 23 hours UTC
:00 Billboard	:00 Billboard
:01 World News Summary	:01 World News Summary
:06 Top Stories in Depth	:06 Top Stories in Depth
:18 Sports	:18 Sports
:22 U.S. Feature	:22 U.S. Feature
:28 Station Break	:28 Station Break
:30 Billboard	:30 Billboard
:31 Expanded World News	:31 World News Summary
:45 Science/Medicine Environment Feature	:36 Dateline, Daily Mini-Documentary
:49 Business & Economic	:45 Science/Medicine/ Environment Feature
:53 Music Features	:49 Business & Economic
:58 Station Break	:53 U.S. or International Features
Monday-Friday 00, 04, 08, 12, & 20 hours UTC	:58 Station Break
:00 Billboard	Monday-Friday 17 UTC-Talk to America
:01 World News Summary	:00 Billboard
:06 Top Stories in Depth	:01 World News Summary
:18 Sports	:06 Talk to America
:22 U.S. Feature	Saturday & Sunday
:28 Station Break	:00 Billboard
:30 Billboard	:01 World News Summary
:31 News Headlines	:06 Top Stories in Depth
:33 Special Program	:18 Sports
Mon: Press Conference USA	:22 U.S. Feature
Tue: Encounter	:28 Station Break
Wed: Our World	:30 Billboard
Thu: Kaleidoscope	:31 World News Summary
Fri: The Best of Talk to America	:33 Special Program (see page 2)
:58 Station Break	:58 Station Break

VOA English to the Americas

Time UTC	Frequencies (kHz)
0000-0100#	5995 6130 7405 9455 9775 11695 13790
0100-0130#	5995 6130 7405 9455 9775 13790
0130-0200#	5995 6130 9455
0200-0400	1530 1580
0400-0500+	1530 1580
1000-1100	6165 7370 9590

VOA Program Schedules

VOA English—Africa	
Time UTC	Frequencies (kHz)
0300-0330	909 1530 5855 6080 7105 7275 7290 7340 9575 9885 17895
0330-0400	909 1530 5855 6080 7105 7275 7290 9575 9885 17895
0400-0430	909 1530 4960 5855 6080 7275 7290 9575 9885 17895
0430-0500	909 4960 5855 6080 7275 7290 9575 17895
0500-0600	909 5970 6035 6080 7195 12080 13670
0600-0630	909 1530 5970 6035 6080 7195 11995 12080 13670
0630-0700 <	909 1530 5970 6035 6080 7195 11995 12080 13670
1600-1700	909 1530 6035 13605 13710 15225 15410
1700-1730	909 15410 15445 17895
1730-1800	909* 15410 15445 17895
1800-1830	909 6035 7415 11975 15410 15580 17895
1830-1900	909 6035 7415 11690< 11975 13730< 15410 15525< 15580 17895
1900-2000	909 4950 6035 7375 7415 11975 15410 15445 15580
2000-2030	909 1530 4950 6035 7375 7415 11855 11975 15410 15445 15580 17745 17895
2030-2100	909 1530 4950< 6035 7375 7415 11975 15410 15445 15580 17745 17895
2100-2200	909 1530 6035 7375 7415 11975 15410 15445 15580 17895
2200-2230*	909 1530 5855 6035 7375 7415 11975

* Monday through Friday
< Saturday and Sunday

VOA ENGLISH TO AFRICA PROGRAMS

Medium wave: to southern Africa, 909 kHz; to western and central Africa, 1530 kHz.

VOA ENGLISH TO AFRICA NEWS PROGRAMS

Reports, interviews, and analysis of political, economic, and social issues affecting Africa. African and world sports are also covered.

AFRICA WORLD TONIGHT

A weekday evening news magazine in three live editions. *Africa World Tonight* features interviews by our Washington staff and correspondent reports from VOA's bureaus in Africa and around the world. Monday through Friday evenings 1630, 1800, 2000 UTC.

DAYBREAK AFRICA

A 30-minute breakfast show, including news, interviews, and sports, along with special local weather forecasts. Monday through Friday mornings 0300, 0430, 0600 UTC.

MUSIC TIME IN AFRICA

Host Rita Rochelle and Leo Sarkisian present authentic traditional and popular African music. Sundays 1730, 1930 UTC.

NIGHTLINE AFRICA

A hour-long weekend program, including news, features, and sports from the United States and Africa. Weekend evenings 1600, 2000 UTC.

STRAIGHT TALK AFRICA

A live, one-hour call-in program heard and seen weekly on *Voice of America* and affiliated stations. Wednesdays 1830 UTC.

WORLD OF MUSIC

Host Rita Rochelle presents popular music, emphasizing artists from the African diaspora. Monday through Friday 1930 UTC.

REPORTERS ROUNDTABLE

A review of the major stories of the week of special relevance to Africa. Ashenafi Abedje hosts a panel of VOA journalists, mostly from the Africa Division, who provide context and analysis. Saturdays at 1900 UTC.

HIP HOP CONNECTIONS

Join host Rod Murray for the latest hip hop music from the United States and Africa. The program also features interviews with the artists and news and information of interest to African youth. Sundays at 1700 UTC.

FM AFFILIATES

VOA English programs and reports can be heard on the following affiliates: **Burkina Faso:** Ouagadougou, Horizon FM, 104.4 FM, Bobo Dioulasso, 102.7, Koudougou, 98.7, Tenkodogo 97.6, Banfora, 98.0, Ouayigouya, 100.4. **Gambia:** Gambia Radio Ghana: Accra, Radio Gold, 90.5 FM, Kumasi, OTEC FM 89.9. **Jamaica:** Kingston, Island Broadcasting Svc KLAS 89. **Kenya:** KBC. Citizen FM - Nairobi 106.7 FM. VOA Nairobi 107.5 FM. **Liberia:** Liberia Broadcasting System, country-wide 7.275 MHz & 91.7 MHz, FM. **Madagascar:** Antananarivo, Radio Nationale Malagasy 101 FM. **Malawi:** 102.5 Capital FM. **Mali:** Radio Kledu, Bamako, 101.2 FM. **Mauritius:** MBC. **Nigeria:** Independent Radio of Benin City 92.3 FM. **Sierra Leone:** Kiss FM, Bo 104; Skyy, Freetown, 106.6 FM. **South Africa:** Capetown, Bush Radio 89.5 FM, Multi Choice (Satellite Cable), Pietermaritzburg, Radio Maritzburg, 107.6 FM. **Swaziland:** Swaziland Broadcasting Information Services 98.1 FM. **Tanzania:** Radio Tumaini 96.3, Dar Es Salaam; FM. Kissi-FM 89.8 FM, Mwanza and Dar Es Salaam. **Uganda:** Kampala, Radio Sanyu, 88.2 FM, Fort Royal, Voice of Toro, 101 FM, Voice of Kigezi 89.5. **Zambia:** Lusaka ZNBC, Lusaka Radio Phoenix 89.5 FM, Kitwe Radio Icengelo 89.1 FM.

VOA Special English

VOA Special English has been broadcasting more than 40 years, using a vocabulary of 1,500 words and a slower pace of speaking. Special English broadcasts begin with ten minutes of international and national news, followed by a short report about science, agriculture, development, the environment, or American idioms. The half-hour broadcasts end with a 15-minute feature about American culture, history, science, space, short stories, or important Americans.

Monday: **Development Report** and **This is America**, which reports on life in the USA.
 Tuesday: **Agriculture Report** and **Science in the News**, which reports about recent scientific news.
 Wednesday: **Science Report** and **Explorations**, which explores outer space and the world around us.
 Thursday: **Science Report** and **The Making of a Nation**, which tells the history of the United States.
 Friday: **Environment Report** and **American Mosaic**, a magazine show about culture and music.
 Saturday: **In the News** and **American Stories**, readings of short stories.
 Sunday: **Words and Their Stories** and **People in America**, which tells about important Americans.



(In Latin America, programs are broadcast one day earlier local time.)

Times and Frequencies for Special English

Time	Region	Frequencies (kHz)
0030-0100	Asia	1575 7215 9770 11760 15185 15290 17740 17820
0030-0100	Middle East	1548
0130-0200*	Americas	7405 9775 13740
1530-1600	Asia	1575 6160 9590 9760 9845 12040 15550
1630-1700	Africa	13600 15445 17895
1930-2000	Middle East and Europe	7260 9680 13690
2030-2100	Europe	1197
2330-2400	Asia	7190 7200 7225 7260 9545 11805 11925 13735 13775 15205

Times and Frequencies for the English Teaching Programs *New Dynamic English* and *Functioning in Business*

Time	Region	Frequencies (kHz)
1510-1530	Asia	1575< 6160 9760 9845 12040 15550
1610-1630*	Africa	13600 15445 17895
1910-1930	Middle East/South Asia	1197 7260 9680 13690
2310-2330	China	7190 7200 9545 11925 13775

* Monday-Friday (local time)

★ Listeners in Europe should try frequencies to Africa 1600-1700.

VOA Special English Has Its Own Homepage

Internet users can obtain program information, schedules and frequencies, scripts of features, and the *Special English Word Book* at: www.voa.gov/special. Send comments and questions by e-mail to: special@voa.gov. Send questions about American life to the program *American Mosaic* at: mosaic@voa.gov. Send letters to:

Special English
Voice of America, Washington, DC, 20237, U.S.A.

(Please be sure to include your postal address)

Short Features

NEW MIDDLE EAST PROJECT

The Broadcasting Board of Governors, as a pilot project for the Voice of America, is launching a major new initiative in the Middle East to provide accurate, timely and relevant news and information about the region and America. It is intended to be an around-the-clock, seven-days-a-week service, with news, analysis, editorial comment, talk shows, and music. Targeted programming is to be streamed to Jordan, West Bank/Gaza, Egypt, the Gulf, and Sudan. We will provide updates on the new Middle East project in future editions of the *VOA Guide*.

DEBUT OF A WEEKLY ROUNDTABLE WITH THE INDONESIAN PRESS

In April, VOA's Indonesian Service broadcast the first roundtable discussion with editors from Indonesia's top newspapers. The new 15-minute program, *VOA Forum*, highlights major events in U.S.-Indonesian relations. The premiere program focused on the International Monetary Fund's vote on aid to Indonesia. The lively, fast-paced program's weekly guests include editors of newspapers, magazines, and radio stations throughout Indonesia.

VOA HINDI AND URDU PROGRAMMING IN CANADA

Last spring VOA began providing programming to Radio India, which broadcasts to the Greater Toronto area and other parts of the Province of Ontario in Canada. Hundreds of thousands of Toronto's residents are from the Indian sub-continent and many of them tune in to Radio India for news and information. By adding VOA to its line-up, Radio India has joined VOA's network of more than a thousand radio, TV, and Internet affiliates worldwide. VOA provides Radio India an hour and a half of Hindi and Urdu language programming each day.

BROADCASTING 24 HOURS A DAY IN NAIROBI

On June 14, in its first such venture in sub-Saharan Africa, the Voice of America launched round-the-clock broadcasts in Nairobi, Kenya via FM station 107.5. Now, 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week, residents of Nairobi can hear a blend of VOA news, information, and cultural programs, including all of VOA's English-to-Africa programs, such as *Straight Talk Africa*, a weekly radio-TV-internet simulcast; VOA's Swahili programs; *Africa Journal*; *VOA News Now*; Special English; *Talk to America*; and *Music Mix*.

VOA Director Sanford Ungar called the launch of the 24-hour frequency in Nairobi "a major development in our continuing efforts to reach the people of sub-Saharan Africa." VOA's 24-hour broadcast for Nairobi is specially tailored and will be carried on a separate channel on AFSAT 605. Other cities in Africa slated for launches on VOA via FM frequencies include Kigali, Rwanda; Bujumbura, Burundi; Brazzaville, Congo; and Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso.

VOA LAUNCHES 24-HOUR FM FREQUENCY IN MONGOLIA

The Voice of America began to broadcast its first around-the-clock programming in Asia on March 28 from Mongolia's capital city Ulaanbaatar on FM 106.6. The station's one-kilowatt transmitter is capable of reaching nearly one-third of the country's population. The VOA's programs, consisting of *News Now*, Special English, and *Music Mix*, are available seven days a week. VOA has been a longtime affiliate of Mongolian Radio and Television, which has for several years translated VOA English programs and rebroadcast them nationwide.

Short Features continued on page 12



The launch ceremony of the new FM station in Ulaanbaatar received extensive media coverage, including reports on the Mongolian evening TV and radio news, as well as stories in the major Mongolian newspapers. Seated at the center table from left to right are IBB Associate Director for Programs Gary Thatcher, IBB Director Brian Conniff, and IBB Bangkok Affiliates Officer Joyce Ngho.

VOICE OF AMERICA BROADCASTS IN 53 LANGUAGES

JUNE 2001 PROGRAMMING CHANGES

VOA has added Spanish-language programming to the Andean region and increased its hours of broadcast in Albanian, Indonesian, and Macedonian. The times for VOA Hindi and Urdu evening programs have been changed. Airtime for Armenian, Bulgarian, Romanian, Russian, Slovak, Turkish, and Uzbek has been reduced. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the many listeners who have, over the years, listened to VOA's Portuguese to Brazil broadcasts, which will go off the air in June 2001. Please refer to the chart below for all new times and frequencies.

HOW TO READ THE SCHEDULES

All times are Universal Time Coordinated (UTC), also known as Greenwich Mean Time (GMT). Days of the week refer to local time in the listening area. Frequencies are kilohertz (kHz). If your radio dial is marked in megahertz (MHz) or meters (M), see the frequency wavelength conversion chart on page 2. All frequencies are shortwave (SW), except those below 1600 kHz, which are medium wave (MW or AM). Some frequencies, times, and program information may change. For VOA language services indicated by the symbol •, additional broadcasts are available on domestic radio stations or cable services in the listeners' country or countries.

& Monday only < Saturday and Sunday * Monday through Friday + Sunday and Monday
Tuesday through Saturday % Tuesday through Sunday > Friday and Saturday

•AFAN OROMO to Africa

1845-1900* 11690 13730 15525

•ALBANIAN to Europe

0500-0530 1215 6130 7180 9585

1600-1630 9660 11905 15245

1830-1900 1458 9840 11960 15280

AMHARIC to Africa

1800-1830 11690 13730 15525

ARABIC to the Middle East and North Africa

0400-0600 1260 1548 5965 7255 9865 11670 15380

0730-0830 9660 9715 9765 11805 11820 11995

1700-1800 1260 6040 7105 11690

1800-1900 1260 6040 7105 9505 11750 11825 15545

1900-2000 1260 1548 6040 7105 9505 11750 11825 15545

2000-2100 1260 1548 6040 6160 7105 9505 9620 11825
11895 15545

ARMENIAN on stations in Armenia

1500-1530 13720 15410 17810

•AZERBAIJANI to Central Asia

1730-1800 11770 15135 15170

BANGLA to South Asia

0130-0200 11805 15210 17805

1600-1700 1575 7280 9590 11965

•BOSNIAN on stations in Bosnia-Herzegovina. (see also CROATIAN, SERBIAN)

1500-1530* 1197

2130-2200 792 1197

•BULGARIAN to Europe on stations in Bulgaria

BURMESE to East Asia

1130-1200 1575 9720 11850 15225

1430-1500 1575 5955 7155 9720

2330-2400 6185 9505 11840 15220

CHINESE (Cantonese) to East Asia

1500-1700 1143 6030 7255 13640

CHINESE (Mandarin) to East Asia

0000-0100 7190 9545 11830 11925 15150 15195 17765

0100-0200 9545 11830 11925 15150 15195 17765

0200-0300 9545 11830 11925 15195 17765

0700-0800 12010 13610 13760 15160 15250 17855
21540 21705

0800-0900 12010 13760 15160 15250 17855 21540 21705

0900-1000 11825 11895 12010 13740 15160 15250
15665 17855

1000-1100 11825 11895 12010 13610 13740 15160
15250 15260 15665 17855

1100-1200 1143 6110 11785 11825 11965 11990
12040 15250

1200-1230 6110 9545 11785 11825 11965 11990
12040 15250

1230-1300 6110 9545 11785 11805 11825 11965
12040 15250

1300-1330 6110 9845 11785 11805 11825
11965 11990 12040

1330-1400 1143 6110 9845 11785 11805 11825
11965 11990 12040

1400-1500 6110 9585 9845 11805 11965 11990 12040
2200-2300 7150 7190 7200 9510 9545 11925 13775

•CREOLE to the Caribbean

1130-1200* 9525 9670 11925

1630-1700 15385 17565 21540

2100-2130 11895 13740 21485

•CROATIAN to Europe (see also BOSNIAN, SERBIAN)

0430-0500 756 792 1197 1395 6130 7185 7210

1830-1900 1197 7175 9670 15170

•CZECH on stations in the Czech Republic

DARI to Central Asia

0200-0230 9505 9685 15185

1515-1600 7235 9770 15440

•ESTONIAN on stations in Estonia

FARSI to Central Asia

0300-0400 1548 9835 11985 17855

0400-0430 9835 11985 17855

1700-1800 972 1548 9680 11835 15145

1800-1900 1548 9680 11835 15145

•FRENCH to Africa

0530-0600* 1530 4960 6045 7265 7370 9480 9505 9650
11750 11855 13705

0600-0630* 4960 6045 7265 7370 9480 9505 9650 11750
11855 13705

1830-2000 1530 7340 9780 9815 12080 17785 17800 21485

2000-2030	7340 9780 9815 11720 12080 21485
2030-2100<	7340 9780 9815 11720 12080 21485
2100-2130*	5985 7340 9780 9815 11720 12080 17755

GEORGIAN to Europe

1430-1500	11780 15245 15455
-----------	-------------------

•GREEK on stations in Greece

•HAUSA to Africa

0500-0530	1530 4960 6045 7415 9480 9885
1500-1530	7135 9540 11990
2030-2100*	4950 7340 9780 9815 11720 12080 21485

HINDI to South Asia

0030-0100	7140 9585 11730
1630-1700	7235 9665 15195
1730-1800	9725 13720 15325

•HUNGARIAN on stations in Hungary

•INDONESIAN to East Asia on stations in Indonesia

1130-1230	7260 9700 9890 12010 15320
2200-2330	7225 9535 9620 11805 15205

KHMER to East Asia

1330-1430	1575 5955 7155 9720
2200-2230	1575 6060 7130 7260 13735

KINYARWANDA/KIRUNDI to Africa

0330-0400	7340 9895 11825
0400-0430	6120 7180 7340 9895

•KOREAN to East Asia

1300-1400	648 7235 7290 9545 12010
2130-2200	6060 7125 15470

KURDISH to the Middle East

1600-1700	11975 15355 15545
-----------	-------------------

LAO to East Asia

1230-1300	1575 6030 7230 11930
-----------	----------------------

•LATVIAN on stations in Latvia

•LITHUANIAN on stations in Lithuania

•MACEDONIAN on stations in Macedonia

1930-2000	1197
-----------	------

•PASHTO to Central Asia

0130-0200*	9505 9685 15185
1430-1515	7235 9555 17870

•POLISH to Europe on stations in Poland

•PORTUGUESE to Africa

0430-0500	1530 5970 5980 6035 6145 7370
	7415 9480 9675
1700-1730	1530 6035 7375 9815
1730-1800	909< 1530 6035 7290 7375 9815 12080
	13600 17785 21485
1800-1830*	1530 7290 7375 9815 12080 13600 17785 21485

•ROMANIAN to Europe on stations in Romania

•RUSSIAN to Europe and Asia (E - to Eastern Russia)

1300-1400	7220 9520 11775 11895 15130 15215
1700-1800	6105 7220 9520 9615 11805 15370
1800-1900	6105 7220 9520 9615 11770 11885

•SERBIAN to Europe (see also BOSNIAN, CROATIAN)

0530-0600	1188 1197 1458 6130 7180 9585
1700-1730	792 1188 1197 7115 13700 15170
1930-2000	792 9705 11875 15280
2100-2130	756 1188 1197 7210 9720 11670

•SLOVAK to Europe (see also CZECH)

•SLOVENE on stations in Slovenia

•SPANISH to Andean Region

1130-1200	9535 11925 13790
-----------	------------------

•SPANISH to Latin America

0100-0200	1530 1580
1200-1230	7370 11890 11925 13770 15360 15390 17875
2300-2330	9515 9670 13715 15350 17890

SPANISH Radio Martí to Cuba

0000-0300	6030 7365 11775 15330
0300-0400%	6030 7365 7405 11775
0400-0700%	6030 7405 9805 11775
0700-0900%	5980 6030 7405 9805
0900-1200	5980 6030 9565 9805
1200-1300	7405 9565 9805 13870
1300-1400	7405 11775 13630 13820
1400-1700	11775 11930 13630 13820
1700-2100	9565 11930 13630 13820
2100-2200	9565 11930 13820 21500
2200-2300	6030 11930 13820 15330
2300-2400	6030 7365 13820 15330

***Radio Martí does not broadcast UTC Monday 0400-1000**

•SWAHILI to Africa

1630-1700	12080 13670 15555 17785
1700-1730*	12080 13670 15555 17785

•THAI on stations in Thailand

TIBETAN to East Asia

0000-0100	7200 7255 9510 11690
0400-0600	15265 15490 17770 21560
1400-1500	6030 7195 7265 11705 11975

TIGRIGNA to Africa

1830-1845*	11690 13730 15525
------------	-------------------

•TURKISH to Europe/Middle East

1800-1900	792 9595 11925 13650
-----------	----------------------

•UKRAINIAN to Europe

0400-0500	7245 9560 11895
2000-2100	9595 11885 15255

URDU to South Asia

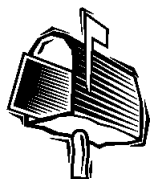
0100-0130	9585 9685 15185
1400-1430	9505 15190 17870
1700-1730	9890 11905 15245

UZBEK to Central Asia

1500-1515	7110 15185 15355
-----------	------------------

VIETNAMESE to East Asia

1300-1330	1143 1575 5955 7215 9505
1500-1600	5955 6120 7195 9780
2230-2330	6060 7130 7260 13735



Letters to the Editor

... conveys comments, suggestions, criticisms, and questions to VOA program planners, and decision makers.

LETTERS:

Dear Editor: I personally listen almost always to VOA in English, and it is my favorite radio. While on vacation, I listened about 5-6 hours a day. Recently it has become very difficult to listen to VOA English teaching programs and to VOA Special English. I know that my part of the world, unlike subcontinent India or Nigeria, where reception is superb, is not a priority for VOA management, but nevertheless, what can I do from my side or VOA from its side to improve reception? Uzbekistan, where I live, is one of the three (former) Soviet republics where one cannot get access to American radio, television, or newspapers. That's why I can't listen to VOA on FM band or on medium wave. However, I am personally very thankful to VOA for reaching me via shortwave.

Shavkiddin Rajabov, Uzbekistan

Dear Shavkiddin: You should try all of the suggestions for improved reception as listed on page 2 of the VOA Guide. At any one time, you should try all of the frequencies used by VOA English. Due to changing atmospheric conditions, the signal strength on any single frequency will vary day to day. That is why in many countries VOA works with local affiliate radio stations to rebroadcast our programs via AM and FM. Unfortunately, there currently are no such affiliates in Uzbekistan.

The Editor

Dear Sir/Madam: I'm greeting you from the Metropolitan Central Library in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. Mongolian people have been listening to VOA on FM 106.6. Thank you again for all of your programs. We are sure we can learn English very well. With best regards,

J. Begzuren, Mongolia

Dear J. Begzuren: Thank you very much. It's not every day that we receive a letter from Mongolia. We are also pleased about the inauguration of the 24-hour VOA program on FM 106.6.

The Editor

Dear Editor: Thanks for creating VOANEWS.COM. Thank you very much for sending me the VOA calendar for the last 10 years except during the Gulf War. Thanks for keeping your promise for (a) long time. Keep it up.

Mohamud Jamaa, Saudi Arabia

Dear Mohamud: We appreciate every listener and are always glad to hear from you. We make every attempt to satisfy your requests; however, events or postal inadequacies sometimes interfere with delivery. Thanks again.

The Editor

Dear Editor: I have been listening to VOA for four years, and I am happy to be a part of the VOA family. Reception is great, and I am listening to you via SW & MW. My favorite shows are: Croatian, News Now, Special English, Border Crossings, Talk to America... I am so happy that VOA is serving the world with accurate news 24 hours per day. Regards,

Ivan Huziak, Croatia

Dear Ivan: We are also happy that you are satisfied with our programming. You've picked some of my favorite programs. Many thanks, and stay tuned!

The Editor

Dear Friends: Without any sense of bias I tell you that news from Voice of America are of very superior quality. (In the past) this station was not favored for international news listening. But it has been a year or so that the guys in Washington have made it an entirely news based radio station. I now get most of my international news from VOA. I love it.

Rajiv Thind, India

Dear Rajiv: VOA's emphasis on world news seems to be gaining favor with many listeners, and we are proud of it. Thank you for your encouraging words.

The Editor

Dear VOA Staff: I'm a 19-year-old high school student from Germany. After a longer pause from shortwave listening I went back the last weeks. Of course the Voice of America was one of the first stations I listened to. My favorite VOA program is "Africa World Tonight". News and information from Africa is very rare on German media.

I don't like your "News Now" service that much. I would appreciate if the VOA could renew the old service with longer magazine programs. In a magazine format people from abroad could get a better idea of the USA.

Daniel H. Friese, Germany

Dear Daniel: You have highlighted one of the advantages of shortwave listening: one can hear programs that are targeted to other regions of the world. Thanks for taking the time to share your views.

The Editor

Dear Friends: I've been constantly listening to VOA for three years, and I highly appreciate the quality and the diversity of your programs. I'm a marine engineer, and I'm traveling around the world about seven months of the year. During my trips, VOA is one of my best friends. If you would send me your program schedule I would appreciate that.

Sandu Eugen, Romania

Dear Sandu: We're glad that you take VOA with you on your world travels. To receive a copy of the VOA Guide all you need to do is send us your complete mailing address either by letter or e-mail.

The Editor

Letters to the Editor

Please send us your comments about VOA programming. If your letter is selected, we will print it along with your name, so please tell us if you do not want your name printed. Letters may be edited for length and clarity. Write to:

**Letters to the Editor
Voice of America, Audience Mail/K
Washington, DC 20237 USA
Fax: +1-202-619-0211
E-mail: letters@voa.gov**

GHANIANS WELCOME THE "SONNY SIDE OF SPORTS"

Sonny Young and Rod Thomas stepped off the plane in Accra, Ghana on March 1, 2001, with great anticipation. During their two-week, multi-purpose visit, they would spread the word about polio eradication, meet with local VOA affiliate stations and cover the World Cup qualifying match on March 11. VOA's stringer in Accra, Kwabena Ofori, made advance arrangements and was invaluable throughout the trip.

Each day Sonny broadcast his popular sports show, *Sonny Side of Sports*, with Rod producing the program. Rod, a 30-year veteran of VOA production, set up a portable studio in their hotel room. They didn't miss a beat.

On March 4, they traveled to Kumasi, the second largest city in Ghana, for a special youth soccer tournament to promote polio eradication. This was part of VOA's work with other world health organizations to promote awareness of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. One game was for players under 12 years old and the other was for players under 17. Each of the four teams received a trophy and Sonny and Rod gave away VOA soccer balls, T-shirts, and caps.

In Accra, Sonny spoke to several hundred students at La Bone High School about both their visit to Ghana and VOA's broadcasts to the region. They also interviewed Joseph Aggrey, Deputy Minister of Sports.

Rod and Sonny visited three affiliate stations—OTEC FM and FOX FM in Kumasi and Radio Gold in Accra. It was during their March 6 visit to Radio Gold that they were able to broadcast the *Sonny Side of Sports* from a "real" radio studio. The staff at all three affiliates expressed appreciation for the opportunity to meet the VOA broadcasters personally and talk to them about VOA programming.

Sonny and Rod covered the scoreless World Cup qualifying soccer match between Ghana and Nigeria on March 11. The game between the two long-time soccer rivals ended in a draw—neither side scored

a goal during the 90 minutes of play. Anticipation was high in the stands, however, as people cheered their teams on. It was one of the most exciting games Sonny and Rod had ever seen. Sonny was interviewed by the Ghanaian Broadcasting Corporation during half-time. This was just one of many radio and TV interviews that Sonny and Rod did during their two-week trip.

Both VOA veterans said the trip was memorable because they had accomplished so much in so little time and touched so many people's lives.



Youth soccer teams welcome VOA's *Sonny Side of Sports* to Ghana during pre-game ceremonies.

National Immunization Days

Angola	July 17	Aug. 21	Mozambique	July 26	Aug 30 Oct 1
Benin	Oct 1		Namibia	July 16	Aug 21
Burundi	Sept 14		Niger	Oct 1	
Chad	Oct 2		Nigeria	Oct 1	
Congo	Oct 1		Pakistan	Oct 1	
D. R. of the Congo	Aug 13	Sept 17 Oct 22	Rwanda	Aug 10	Sept 14
Guinea	Oct 24		Sierra Leone	Oct 9	
Guinea Bissau	Oct 30		Somalia	Oct 1	
Iraq	Oct 1		Sudan	Oct 1	
Ivory Coast	Oct 12		Uganda	Aug 7	Sept 11
Kenya	Oct 23		U.R. of Tanzania	Aug 21	Sept 25
Liberia	Oct 1		Yemen	Oct 1	
Madagascar	Sept 8	Oct 13	Zambia	Aug 21	Sept 25
Malawi	Aug 1	Sept 1			



Young Ghanaian boy holds a VOA soccer ball.

Photo by Rod Thomas

The World Health Organization recommends the following immunization schedule to protect your child against these preventable diseases:

At age:	Vaccinate your child against:
Birth	Tuberculosis and Polio
6 weeks	Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus, Hepatitis B, and Polio
10 weeks	Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus, Hepatitis B, and Polio
14 weeks	Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus, Hepatitis B, and Polio
9 months	Measles

VOA AWARDS

During the month of April, several Voice of America broadcasters received awards recognizing the high caliber of their work.

In a ceremony at the Polish Embassy in Washington, D.C., the Polish Foreign Minister, Wladyslaw Bartoszewski, awarded the Presidential Medal of Merit to present and former staffers of VOA's Polish Service.

"You have provided hundreds of thousands of Poles with access to credible, straightforward information about events in the United States and in Poland," said Mr. Bartoszewski. "While commenting on the issues of the contemporary world, you helped to create the image of modern Poland, which cherishes its traditions of friendship and cooperation with the United States. I am deeply grateful to you both as an 'old Pole' and as a member of the government of the Polish Republic."

VOA's Polish Service is part of a newly established European Multimedia Unit, providing programming weekdays to radio and television affiliates in Poland, Internet users, and e-mail subscribers.

The Voice of America's Mandarin program *Health Forum* won first prize in Taiwan's Golden Bell Award for the "Best International Chinese

Broadcasting Program." During the award-winning segment, host Yabo Soong and guest Dr. Shixin Tang focused on HIV/AIDS. The Voice of America was the first broadcaster outside of Taiwan to receive this award.

VOA video journalist Carolyn Weaver and editor David Shrensky received the American Film Institute's DVCAM Fest 2001 Award at the National Association of Broadcasters Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada. VOA's winning entry in the Creative Event Coverage category, "Poets on the Bus," captures a day in the life of young 'slam' (performance) poets during an appearance in Washington, D.C. The piece is an example of VOA's cutting-edge video style.

VOA Greek Service Chief George Bistis and VOA Turkish Service Chief Taclan Suerdem were chosen to receive the 2000-2001 Ipekci Peace and Friendship Prize for Communication. They received the prize in recognition of the VOA cross-Aegean electronic dialogues they conducted with affiliate stations in both countries during 2000 and for the impact these radio bridges had on the rapprochement between the peoples of Greece and Turkey.

Short Features, from page 7

NEW E-MAIL ENGLISH-TEACHING SERIES FOR CHINA

In March, VOA's Chinese Branch began e-mailing English lessons, complete with downloadable audio files, to China. The service was an immediate hit. By June 1, more than 160,000 subscribers were receiving the weekly "Learning English" e-mail enabling them to read and listen to the lessons. This service complements VOA Chinese Branch's daily news-by-e-mail service, with 150,000 subscribers. VOA fans in China are expected to continue signing up to one or both services.

BORDER CROSSINGS

WORLDWIDE MUSIC REQUEST SHOW

You can hear *Border Crossings*, VOA's worldwide international music request show at 19 hours Universal Time. To make a request or dedication, call collect through your international operator to (202) 619-2715.

If you are tuning in at a time other than 19 hours UTC, you are hearing a repeat, so send us a note, and we'll play your requests. You can send a fax to (202) 619-0469; e-mail to border-crossings@voa.gov; or by traditional mail, write:

**Border Crossings
Voice of America
Washington, DC 20237, USA**

Border Crossings presents all forms of music and is transmitted by satellite, shortwave, and the Internet.

English at 1900-2000 UTC,
Monday through Friday on
9550, 9840, 11780, 11970,
12015, 13725, 15235.

VOA MACEDONIAN AND ALBANIAN SERVICES EXPAND THEIR PROGRAMMING

In order to provide more comprehensive coverage of the ongoing tensions in Macedonia, VOA broadcasts in Macedonian and Albanian were recently expanded.

VOA's Macedonian Service debuted in 1999 with a 15-minute live program at 1500-1515 UTC Monday through Friday, becoming VOA's 53rd language. As of April 2001, the service has increased its programming with an additional 15-minute live show that airs at 1815-1830 UTC and a new 30-minute live program at 1930-2000 UTC.

VOA's Albanian Service also increased its programming in April with an additional 15-minute live show that airs at 14:00-14:15 UTC Monday through Friday. VOA Albanian regular programming continues to be aired seven days a week. There are three half-hour broadcasts daily at 0500, 1600, and 1830 UTC.

VOA's Macedonian and Albanian programs are carried by a network of affiliate radio and TV stations in Macedonia.

Send comments about any aspect of VOA programming, reception, or scheduling to:



**Voice of America
Audience Mail Division/K**
330 Independence Ave., S.W.
Washington, DC 20237 USA
Fax: +1-202-619-0211
E-mail: letters@voa.gov